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Dear Ron

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Further to my letter of 13th January 1993 I have now prepared and filed amended claims along the lines previously discussed together with proposals for amendment of three pages of the specification. I enclose a copy of my explanatory letter to the Patent Office which accompanied the amendment. It is not entirely clear what procedure should be followed in filing an amendment at this stage, which does not seem to be mentioned in the Guidelines (or not where I can find it), but if the office require the amendment to be entered as part of the grounds of appeal this can be easily contrived.

In amending the specification I have introduced brief indications of the disclosures of two of the cited references (both of which were mentioned by number) but the third reference is already discussed in the application and I have not altered that passage.

In order to avoid the necessity for further amendment of the specification should the present claims be objected to and require further amendment, I have provided the requisite broad definition of the invention by referring to the claims themselves. Such a form of expression will remain appropriate unless the numbering of the claims changes.

Yours sincerely

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